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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation Into Ameritech Wisconsin's Unbundled Network Elements

6720-TI-161

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Prehearing Conference Date: Thursday, January 27, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.

Conference Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,

Madison, WI

Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, First Floor

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO investigate Ameritech Wisconsin's (Ameritech's) unbundled network elements (UNEs). UNEs are components of Ameritech's network that it must offer to its competitors at a price for their use. Which UNEs Ameritech must offer and how those UNE's should be priced using forward looking cost studies will be the scope of this proceeding.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of Ameritech. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Ameritech in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on **Thursday**, **January 27, 2000**, **at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Amnicon Falls Hearing Room** on the first floor at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

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The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Full parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential full parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is not a contested case but will be conducted according to the procedures for Class 1 proceedings as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Anne Wiecki at (608) 267-0913.

| Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, | |
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| By the Commission: | |
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| Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission | |

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